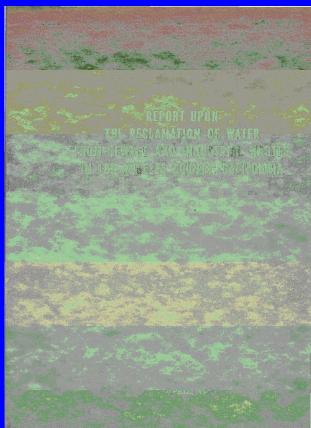
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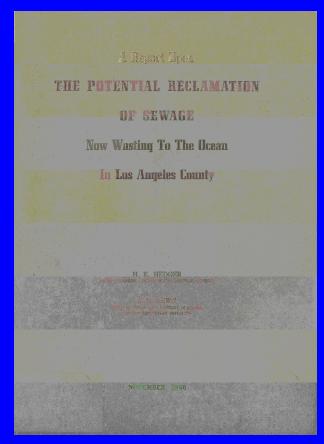
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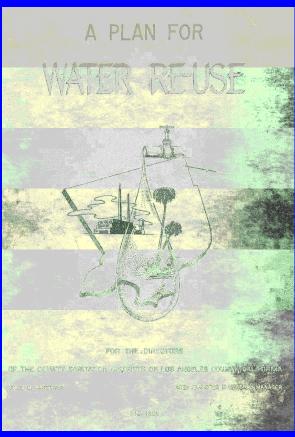


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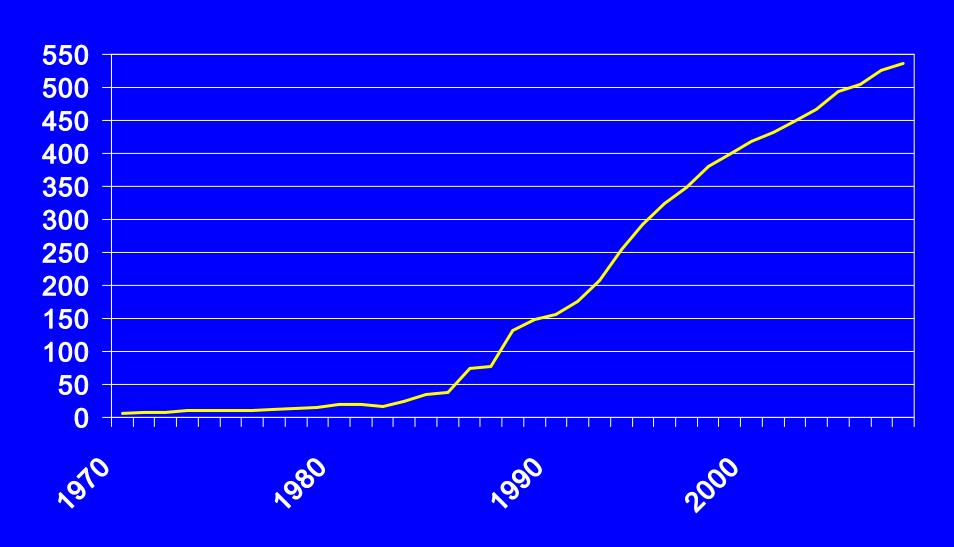


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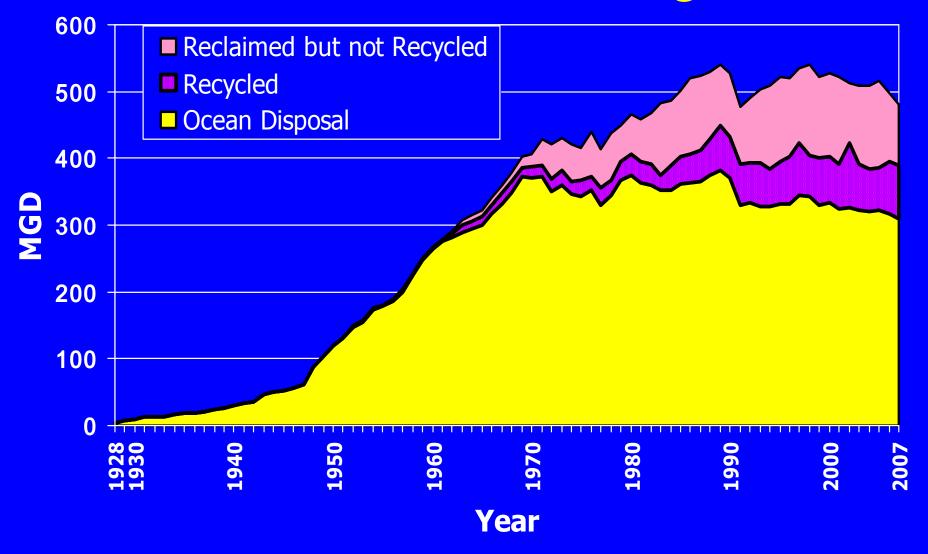




Increase in Number of LACSD Reuse Sites



Total LACSD Recycle vs. Ocean Discharge



How Can We Do More... Indirect Potable Uses



Soil Aquifer Treatment (SAT) further improves water quality during surface spreading

Seawater intrusion barrier injection requires advanced treatment

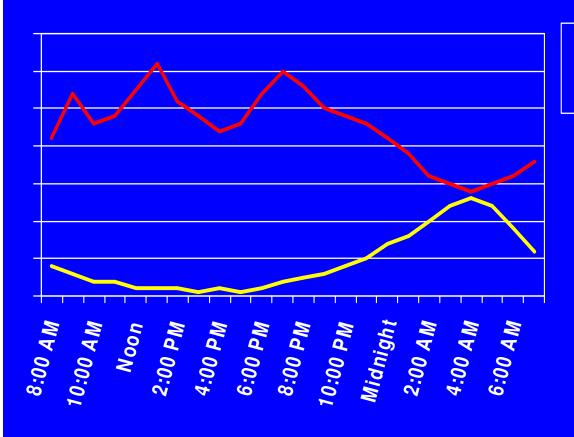
Distribution Infrastructure Costs



Cost Comparison:
Imported Surface Water \$500/AF
Groundwater \$50/AF
Recycled Water \$1600/AF



Need For Daily Storage

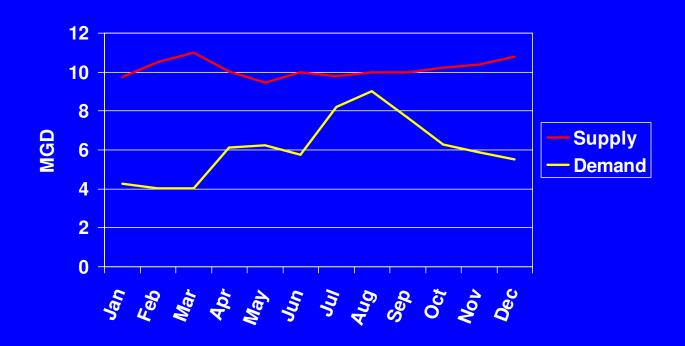




Demand



Seasonal Supply and Demand



Example: 10 MGD Annual Demand Project 60 MGD on A Summer Night 30 MGD With Daily Storage

Moral: Limit Project Max Demand = Average Daily Flow

Competition for Recycled Water



Farmers along Santa Clara River

Preservation of habitat created by recycled water discharges

Other Hurdles

 Public Perception of Water Safety



- Perception More Water = Growth
- Short Memories of Previous Droughts
- Duplication of Service Rules
- Recycling Requires Cooperation